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For: AN EXPIRATORY LIMB FOR BREATHING)
CIRCUIT)
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

JP62236724 is not in the English language. It is relevant because it discloses a three layer spirally wound conduit wherein the intermediate layer is a polyimide film having a coating of FEP while the inner and outer layers are metallic. After winding, the lengths of conduit are heated in a furnace until the outer surface of the FEP is molten and adheres to the outer layer. The inner layer is subsequently peeled away.

Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner of corresponding United States patent application Serial No. 10/656,574

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

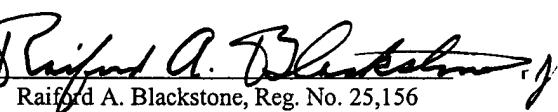
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